

ON THE APPOMATTOX.

DEATH UNDER CAR WHEELS IN PETERSBURG.

A RUMOR WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

The funeral of Mrs. Venable-Sales of Loose Tobacco-Circuit Court Case Postponed—Could Not Identify Him—Brief Mention.

PETERSBURG, VA., December 10.—(Special.)—William Robinson, a worthy and respected colored man, who for years had been employed as porter in the dry-goods store of Messrs. John A. Chappell & Co., met with instant death by accident this morning at the Washington-Street Depot of the Atlantic-Coast Line Railroad Company. Robinson had been sent to deliver some packages to a passenger on the south-bound train from Richmond, which leaves this depot a few minutes past 10 o'clock. The train was moving off before he had discharged his duty, and in his haste to jump from the platform he alighted in such manner as to be thrown backward. He struck against a telegraph pole near the track, and was thus thrown forward upon the ground, with his head upon a rail directly in front of the wheels of a car. His head was caught, crushed, and almost severed from the body by the heavy wheels, and death was instantaneous. A crowd soon collected about the spot, but the body was covered from the view of the curious public until the Coroner could arrive. An inquest was held this afternoon, when substantially the above facts were delivered. Death seems to have been caused by the carelessness of the unfortunate man. Deceased was about 50 years old, enjoyed a good character, and the confidence of his employers, and leaves a family.

Shortly after the above occurrence a report got abroad that a negro had been killed on the City Railroad. This proved to be untrue, and arose from the fact that a colored youth had died from natural causes at Epes's Island, on James river, and a telegram had been sent from City Point to an undertaker here for a coffin.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth T. Venable, mother of our townsman, Hon. E. C. Venable, took place to-day from the Tabb-Street Presbyterian church, the services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Rosebro. There was a large assembly present to testify their respect and sympathy.

The sales of loose tobacco in this city this week amounted to 600,000 pounds. Last week the sales aggregated 1,000,000 pounds.

When Judge B. A. Hancock opened the session of the Circuit Court this morning, it was with the expectation of hearing argument in the cases of the Virginia Steel, Iron, and Slate Company against W. D. Smith and Joseph P. Brady, actions brought to enforce claims alleged by the plaintiff company to be due by the defendants on shares of stock subscribed for. Mr. W. D. Cardwell, son of Judge Cardwell, of the Supreme Court, represents the plaintiff, and Hon. W. R. McKenney, the defendant. Mr. McKenney could not be present to-day, and the cases were continued.

The old negro, Robert Fields, who was drugged and robbed of his money Thursday evening, just outside of town, was unable to identify the alleged robber, who was arrested by the police. Field was almost certain that the prisoner was the man who robbed him, but would not swear positively to his identity.

It is understood that Hon. Sidney P. Epes will support Mr. Bailey, of Texas, for Speaker of the next House of Representatives.

The temperature here during the past two days has ranged down to about 15 to 20 degrees, without much variation. A protest is being made by citizens here against the firing of the giant cannon crackers in the streets at Christmas. Fast experience has shown them not only to be dangerous, but a nuisance, and only tolerated by custom. It is probable some steps will be taken to exclude them from the streets.

The Village of Ettrick has a uniformed policeman, appointed for duty by the County Court, in the person of Mr. Walter Pond, and the citizens have appointed Mr. John Hawkins a special policeman, without uniform.

THE COLONIAL DAMES MEET.

An interesting session held at Mrs. Claiborne's yesterday.

The monthly meeting of the Colonial Dames was held at Mrs. Herbert A. Claiborne's at 4:30 yesterday afternoon. The ladies present were Mesdames Mayo, Trent, Dashiell, Robins, Gilham, Isaac Davenport, G. A. Davenport, Ellerson, Levey, Terrell, Lancaster, Woodward, Camp, Hoge, Rucker, Morris, Ladner, Mosby, Smith, I. N. Jones, and Mesdames Perkins, Misses Helen Montague, Rowland of Baltimore, Anna Boykin, Perkins, Knox, Helen Montague, McLean of Washington, and Virginia Pleasant.

After voting for fourteen new members, and going through a lot of routine business, Mrs. William T. Robins read a historical paper on "The Starving Time" and "The Indian Massacres of 1822 and 1824." Afterwards, the ladies were invited by their hostess to a beautiful collation. Mrs. William T. Robins presided at the chocolate table, and Misses Louise Allen Mayo, Estelle de Saussure, Ella Bruce, Marian, Ruth, and Elizabeth Robins handled the refreshments. The table and drawing-rooms were beautifully decorated in blue and yellow, the Colonial colors.

The next meeting will be at Mrs. R. A. Lancaster's, on the 10th of January.

CHASE CITY.

Good Prospect for New Enterprises—Briefs.

CHASE CITY, VA., December 10.—(Special.)—There is a good prospect of the establishment here at an early date of a drug-mechanical factory. The Tobacco Board of Trade is interested in the enterprise, and a manufacturer with experience, machinery, and fixtures is willing to move here if proper inducements are extended. Suitable grades can be secured here, and the location offers many advantages.

Men from New Jersey are prospecting in this vicinity to inaugurate an enterprise to utilize the feldspar, kaolin, and white flint rocks which abound. They propose to employ a large number of men and consume 500 tons of material per week. It is their purpose to make crockeryware.

The ladies here have organized to build a commodious town hall. They gave an entertainment yesterday and realized nearly \$20 to add to several hundred dollars they already have in bank for the fund.

Rapid progress is being made on the addition to the Southside Academy. The increased patronage of the institution demands greater accommodations.

Mr. James P. Thackston, formerly of the Third Virginia Regiment, has left to join the Fourth Virginia, en route to Cuba.

Mr. E. C. Matthews, of Richmond, is here.

Mr. R. B. Boon, of Durham, N. C., is sojourning at the Mineral Hotel, for his health.

The thermometer has been down to 20 degrees this week, and an ice-gathering season is looked for before Christmas. This will not be unusual.

THE PAY-ROLLS CORRECTED.

Members of the Second Regiment With Too Much Time.

The real cause of the delay in paying off the men of the Second Regiment and mustering them out of the service seems to be due not to the fact that nearly all the men in the regiment are indebted to the government, as stated in a dispatch from Washington published below, but to the fact that the men who volunteered when their companies did were credited with several days too much in their clothing accounts.

The accounts of the Third Regiment were made out in this way, and the men got the pay their time called for. It was an error for which Major Baird, the paymaster, will have to account in a financial way. Meanwhile, the paymaster detailed to pay off the Second, wished to avoid any such error.

The telegram from Washington referred to says:

"The officers of the pay department of the army say that Major Muhlenberg, the paymaster who is to pay off the Second Virginia Regiment of Volunteers, is entirely innocent of blame for any delay in paying off the men, who have chosen to burn him in effigy, as reported. The regiment was ordered to be mustered out on the 10th, and the pay department was prepared to do its share so that no delay might follow. At the last moment, however, the accounting officers of the United States Treasury found that nearly all of the men in the regiment were more or less indebted to the government, and under the law and regulations this indebtedness must be settled in full before the muster-out and the final payment. This discovery necessitated the making up of new pay-rolls and delay in making final payments."

Major Shanks was yesterday informed by the War Department that each man of the Second Virginia would be paid up to the day he was mustered out of the service. There had been some four expressed by the men that after the postponement of the date of muster out to the 20th from the 10th of December they would or be paid the latter date.

Some 150 men have been sent from Virginia to the Fourth Regiment, and as many more are needed. Captain Wyatt and Lieutenant Couch will visit the home stations of the companies of the Second Regiment as they are mustered out this week, and they expect to secure the number needed before they reach Richmond.

As a result many of the Richmond members of the Second Regiment who expected to enter the country cannot do so. Lieutenant David D. Price went to Fort Monroe yesterday to stand his examination for promotion to the rank of captain. He expected to return last night, but he was delayed by the fact that he was married Major Shanks, the quartermaster of the Second for the master out, that he would not return until Thursday, and requested him to accompany the paymaster to the home stations of the companies until that time.

Private G. E. Tabb Lane, of Company M, Fourth Virginia Regiment, who was recently honorably discharged from the service, arrived in this city last night from Savannah en route to his home, in Macon county.

A Captain W. A. Hankins (colored), of the Sixth Virginia, who has been here on a furlough very ill, but is now, left yesterday for Macon, where the regiment is encamped.

MRS. GILGON'S FUNERAL TO-DAY.

Other Deaths and Funerals—Obsequies to be Held To-Morrow.

The funeral of Mrs. Kate E. Guilgon, wife of Mr. A. B. Guilgon, whose sudden death on Friday evening so shocked the community, will take place from the Church of the Holy Trinity, the afternoon at 3 o'clock, and the chairman of the city union of King's Daughters, of which the deceased was recording secretary, has issued a call for the members to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Lucy Ann Boyd Henry, mother of Mrs. M. L. Beach, died last night at 8:20 o'clock at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. M. L. Beach, No. 55 east Leigh street. Her funeral will take place from the First Baptist church to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Eliza R. Burger, widow of H. C. Burger, died yesterday morning at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Charles A. Nesbitt, No. 88 south Cherry street. Deceased was in her 59th year. The funeral will take place from the residence to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

The remains of Mr. Charles F. Bradley, who died Friday at Williamsburg, have been brought to this city, and his funeral will take place from East-End Baptist church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Deceased was in the 60th year of his age.

The funeral of Mr. Frank A. Harry will take place from Clay-Street Methodist Episcopal church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

VISITED THE STATE FARM.

Governor Tyler, Major Helms, and the Board Went Up.

Governor Tyler, Major Helms, Superintendent of the Penitentiary, Colonel John Murphy, and Mr. Harman, members of the Board of Directors of the penitentiary, spent yesterday at the State Farm, going up early in the morning and returning late last night.

The members of the party expressed themselves as well pleased with conditions there. Mr. A. W. Finch, the superintendent, has everything in excellent condition, and the crop of corn, which is now being husked, is a very fine one. The men seem well cared for and contented. The health, both at the farm and in the penitentiary, is remarkably good. There are 2 per cent. fewer cases of sickness among the convicts than among the men, women and children of the State who live free lives.

The party was entertained at dinner by Mr. Finch, and enjoyed his bounteous hospitality.

PORTSMOUTH PRISONERS.

Quarantine Has Been Raised—Norfolk Still in the Cold.

The penitentiary yesterday received ten prisoners from Portsmouth, some of whom have been in the jail there several months, on account of the quarantine against that section. Among the ten was Isabel, who was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment.

This means that quarantine has been raised, so far as Portsmouth is concerned, because of the abatement of the smallpox scare. Norfolk is still under quarantine, and there are a number of prisoners in the Norfolk jail, biding the time when they can come home.

The following prisoners went out yesterday from Richmond: Connie Bowers, for three years; Richard Johnson, for two years—his second term; Willie Smith alias "Stick," for three years.

THE GLEE CLUB CONCERT.

A Fine Entertainment at the University College.

The Glee Club of the University College of Medicine gave its initial concert in the amphitheatre auditorium of the college last night.

The audience was a large one—much larger than expected, in view of the fact that the club is new to the public this season. The performance was excellent in every way, and the appreciation of the audience manifested itself in enthusiastic applause. This is especially true of the manner in which the violin solo of Mr. C. Anderson, and the superb bass singing of Mr. W. T. Fleming were received.

After the concert the students entertained their friends with dancing in the physiological laboratory.

The entertainment was for the benefit of the gymnasium. The club will probably give another soon for the same purpose. Those who enjoyed last night's programme hope it may be very soon.

THE SPOTS ON CIGARS.

They Are Painted on by Some Dealers to Suit Customers.

"Please give me one of those cigars with the spots on," said the man as he leaned over the case and began looking over the stock with that air of the expert that every man assumes when buying cigars, says the Chicago Times-Herald.

The box of speckled cigars was handed out, and the patron, really plying him, filled his pocket and retired where none of the ignoramus should even have a whiff of the second-hand smoke.

"A man's got a right to think he knows it all," said the clerk, as he pushed the speckled cigars back into the case. "You that choose to buy the best in the world are the world's best customers, and are the bottom of the barrel."

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The Dangers of Kissing. (Baltimore American.) According to the esteemed Sun, Health-Commissioner Jones, of this city, finds kissing dangerous to health. "The throat and lungs on the lips of the kisser, from which it is readily communicable to the lips of the kissee." He says diphtheria is not the only disease that kissing spreads. There are many others, especially tuberculosis. Kissing among school children and among mothers and children does it bad work, and thus illness increases. But the doctor only warns; he does not expect kissing to be done away with, for he finds that there appears to be no substitute for it.

It is the same old cry that comes up periodically to scare people, but it does not scare very much, for kissing goes on just the same as ever, only it is not so advertised as extensively in practice as it is in discussion. At the same time, making allowance for the smile that is always suggested, it should be remembered that in cases of infectious diseases the dangers are real, and they are to be seriously considered.

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